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I—DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL. 1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918, (WD Bul 43, 1918) the Distinguished Service Medal (first Oak Leaf Cluster) for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in a position of great responsibility during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

General *Maxwell D. Taylor*, United States Army. 11 February 1953 to 5 June 1955.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul. 43, 1918), the Distinguished Service Medal (third Oak Leaf Cluster), for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in a position of great responsibility during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Lieutenant General *John W. O'Daniel*, United States Army. 19 May to 18 November 1955.

II—SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul 43, 1918), the Silver Star for gallantry in action is awarded to the following-named enlisted man:

Sergeant First Class *Raymond M. Demara*, Artillery, (then Infantry), United States Army, a member of Company I, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry in action at the repeated risk of his life on 7 January 1952. Sergeant *Demara* was a member of a combat reconnaissance patrol operating in the vicinity of Hill 871 near Nae-dong, Korea. The patrol, caught in heavy small arms cross fire and under observed mortar fire, suffered heavy casualties and was ordered to withdraw. Sergeant *Demara*, oblivious to the danger to himself, refused to leave. He stayed with the seriously wounded men, doing what he could for them although constantly exposed to enemy fire. Despite being wounded, Sergeant *Demara* stayed with the wounded men until assistance arrived and the men could be evacuated. After the wounded men were evacuated Sergeant *Demara* remained behind and attempted to destroy all abandoned equipment. Sergeant *Demara's* conspicuous gallantry and devotion to his men reflect the utmost credit on himself and the military service.

III—LEGION OF MERIT. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 40, 1942) and Executive Order 10600, 15 March 1955 (sec. I, DA Bul 3, 7 April 1955), the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Lieutenant Colonel *Leonard C. Kincaid*, Military Police Corps, United States Army. 30 January to 13 September 1953.

IV—LEGION OF MERIT. 1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 40, 1942)

and Executive Order 10600, 15 March 1955 (sec. I, DA Bul 3, 7 April 1955), the Legion of Merit, in the Degree of Commander, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Lieutenant General *Lee Ung Joon*, Republic of Korea Army. 16 June 1953 to 15 July 1954.

Major General *Octavio da Silva Paranhos*, Brazilian Army. 1948 to January 1953.

General *Ismail Hakki Tunaboylu*, Turkish Army.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, WD, Bul. 40, 1942) and Executive Order 10600, 15 March 1955 (sec. I, DA Bul. 3, 7 April 1955), the Legion of Merit, in the Degree of Officer, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Brigadier General *Lee Hyun Chin*, Republic of Korea Army. 10 February 1953 to 20 April 1954.

Brigadier General *Shin Hak-Chin*, Republic of Korea Army. 27 June 1950 to 27 July 1954.

Brigadier General *Song Suk Ha*, Republic of Korea Army. 27 May 1953 to 27 July 1954.

Brigadier General *Lee Ho*, General Staff, Republic of Korea Army. 21 October 1950 to 27 July 1954.

Lieutenant General *Kim Il Hwan*, Republic of Korea Army. 23 December 1953 to 27 July 1954.

Brigadier General *Kim Yong Ju*, Republic of Korea Army. 15 January 1951 to 10 July 1952 and from 31 March to 27 July 1954.

Brigadier General *Choi Gap Jung*, Republic of Korea Army. 25 June 1953 to 28 April 1955.

Brigadier General *Lee Kee Keun*, Republic of Korea Army. 1 April 1953 to 23 June 1954.

Brigadier General *Yoon Chun Keun*, Republic of Korea Army. 8 November 1952 to 27 July 1954.

Brigadier General *Min Byung Kwon*, Republic of Korea Army. 19 June 1951 to 19 August 1953.

Colonel *Joao Augusto Montarroyos*, Brazilian Army. 9 August 1952 to 12 January 1955.

Brigadier General *Oum Hong Seup*, Republic of Korea Army. 13 October 1952 to 31 May 1954.

Brigadier General *Cho Eung Tyun*, Republic of Korea Army. 9 December 1951 to 28 April 1954.

Brigadier General *Han Dang Wook*, Republic of Korea Army. 22 May 1952 to 28 April 1954.

Brigadier General *Kim Chang Yong*, Republic of Korea Army. 1 May 1951 to 31 March 1954.

3. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 40, 1942) and Executive Order 10600, 15 March 1955 (sec. I, DA Bul. 3, 7 April 1955), the Legion of Merit in the Degree of Officer (third award), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Major General *Kim Chong Oh*, Republic of Korea Army. 20 July 1953 to 28 February 1954.

4. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 20 July 1942 (sec. III, WD Bul. 40, 1942) and Executive Order 10600, 15 March 1955 (sec. I, DA Bul. 8, 7 April 1955), the Legion of Merit, in the Degree of Legionnaire, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Colonel *Lew Byong Hion*, Republic of Korea Army. 1 December 1952 to 10 June 1954.

Colonel *Joseph Lobret*, French Army. 1 November 1953 to 1 November 1954.

Colonel *Kim Hyun Ok*, Republic of Korea Army. 29 October 1953 to 27 July 1954.

Colonel *Son Yung Ul*, Republic of Korea Army. 1 October 1950 to 27 July 1954.

V..SOLDIER'S MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (WD Bul. 8, 1926), the Soldier's Medal for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy on the dates indicated is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted man:

Corporal *Thomas W. Gammon*, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroism on 23 June 1955 at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. On that day Battery A, 88th Airborne Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion, of which he is a member was engaged in a training parachute jump. After his exit from the plane, and he had opened his parachute, another paratrooper who exited immediately behind him had a parachute which did not open and he fell through the suspension lines of Corporal *Gammon*. With quick thinking, complete disregard for his own personal safety, and contributing factors which might have collapsed his own canopy, Corporal *Gammon* caught the suspension lines of the malfunctioning parachute. Noticing the lines and canopy were badly twisted, Corporal *Gammon* quickly lowered the parachute hand over hand until he grasped the skirt of the canopy. All of the foregoing occurred in midair. Violently shaking the collapsed parachute, Corporal *Gammon* caused it to inflate approximately 25 feet from the ground and allowed the other individual to descend safely. Through his act of courage and display of bravery, Corporal *Gammon* undoubtedly saved the life of a fellow-paratrooper. The outstanding manner in which Corporal *Gammon* performed his duties in the face of immediate danger and with complete disregard for his own personal safety reflects great credit on himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Captain *Vernon T. Judkins*, Artillery, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroism on 10 March 1955. During the Exercise Surf Board Firing Demonstration on San Clemente Island, two Navy Skyraiders collided, forcing both pilots to bail out. One pilot landed in the impact area where the Heavy Motor Company of the 38th Regimental Combat Team was firing at the time. With shells exploding in the area, Captain *Judkins*, without regard for his own personal safety, landed his helicopter to effect rescue. As Captain *Judkins* left the area with the rescued pilot, the Skyraider exploded. This exceptionally daring act performed voluntarily in an extreme emergency, prevented serious injury to the helpless pilot. By this act Captain *Judkins* reflects great credit on himself, his organization, and the military service.

Major (then Captain) *Ray W. McMullen, Jr.*, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion, distinguished himself

by heroism at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. On 6 October 1954 while inspecting parking lots in the new division area at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, he observed a C-119 Aircraft crash into an open area near a group of new buildings. Major *McMullen* arriving at the scene of the crash and with complete disregard for his personal safety entered the flaming wreckage. He discovered a person pinned in the aircraft and with the aid of an unknown civilian removed him from the burning wreckage. After this action Major *McMullen* reentered the burning aircraft to assist in rescue of injured personnel and in fighting the fire. The prompt and courageous action of Major *McMullen* undoubtedly saved lives and reflects distinct credit on himself and the military service.

VI. BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec. II, WD Bul. 3, 1944) the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Chief Warrant Officer *Charles A. Haas*, then Warrant Officer Junior Grade, United States Army. 15 December 1951 to 27 January 1952.

Brigadier General *So Byong Ki*, Republic of Korea Army. 21 May 1953 to 27 July 1954.

Brigadier General *Ko Baik Kyu*, Republic of Korea Army. 10 October 1950 to 27 June 1954.

VII. BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec. II, WD Bul. 3, 1944) the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device for heroic conduct in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on the date indicated is awarded to the following-named officer:

Captain *Joseph Smolen*, Artillery, then First Lieutenant, United States Army, distinguished himself by heroism in action against the armed enemy in Korea, during the night of 30 November—1 December 1950. The 2d Division was engaged in breaking out of an encirclement by numerically preponderant hostile forces in the vicinity of Kunu-ri, Korea. Abandoned vehicles and debris blocked the column. Close range, heavy enemy fire, coupled with the confusion incident to heavy casualties and the darkness of night, caused an organizational breakdown. In the face of the savage enemy attack, Captain *Smolen* quickly organized approximately 150 men in the vicinity, appointed leaders and established a local defense. With complete disregard for his own safety Captain *Smolen* moved throughout the defensive position encouraging his men to hold the position. When all contact with friendly forces was lost, Captain *Smolen* ordered destruction of all materiel in the area. Under his direction, considerable equipment was destroyed before the enemy finally overwhelmed his position. Captain *Smolen's* inspiring example and devotion to duty deprived the enemy of vital equipment. The heroism displayed by Captain *Smolen* reflects utmost credit on himself and the military service.

VIII. COMMENDATION RIBBON WITH METAL PENDANT. 1. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 20, AR 600-45, the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant for meritorious service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted man:

Lieutenant Colonel *Charles W. Calvert*, Armor, United States Army. 1 March 1954 to 30 September 1955.

Lieutenant Colonel *Harry G. Mathos*, Infantry, United States Army. 12 August 1954 to 4 June 1955.

Master Sergeant *Barnett W. Orms*, Armor, United States Army. 6 February to 27 July 1953.

2. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 20, AR 600-45, the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant (first Oak Leaf Cluster) for meritorious service during the periods indicated is awarded to the following-named officers:

Lieutenant Colonel *Hanford T. Colwell*, Signal Corps, United States Army. 6 May 1952 to 25 August 1955.

Lieutenant Colonel *James L. Gaylord*, United States Air Force. 1 February 1953 to 15 May 1954.

3. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 20, AR 600-45 the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant for meritorious achievement on the dates indicated is awarded to the following-named officer and enlisted men:

Captain *Andrew L. Andersen*, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. 1955.

Private *Leslie D. Varilek*, Infantry, United States Army. 1 September 1955.

Private *Ralph Wallace, Jr.*, Infantry, United States Army. 1 September 1955.

IX. LEGION OF MERIT. So much of section I, DA General Orders 61, 1955, as pertains to award of the Legion of Merit to Vice Admiral *Arthur C. Davis*, 9011, USN as reads "1 November 1953 to 1 October 1955" is amended to read "1 November 1953 to 19 April 1954."

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR,
General, United States Army,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

JOHN A. KLEIN,
Major General, United States Army,
The Adjutant General.

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